

JOHN F. CUMMINS.

APRIL 11, 1904.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCUMBER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 13935.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13935) granting an increase of pension to John F. Cummins, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

The soldier named in this bill, now 64 years of age, served as sergeant in Company E, Ninety-seventh Illinois Infantry, from August 6, 1862, to January 12, 1863, when discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability by reason of inguinal hernia of the right side.

He has been a pensioner under the general law ever since his discharge on account of this hernia and bronchitis, and is now in receipt of a pension of \$16 per month by reason of the same.

Claims for increase of pension were rejected, the last one in March, 1891, upon the ground that a higher rating was not warranted.

When last examined, on July 23, 1890, the board of surgeons rated him \$6 for disease of lungs and \$12 for a hernia.

Medical testimony filed with your committee shows that, aside from the disabilities for which pensioned, he is also afflicted with hemorrhoids, and that because of his age and his disabilities he is unable to perform manual labor.

Other proof shows that he has no means of support, that he is dependent upon his pension, and that his property does not exceed in value \$225.

In view of the medical testimony filed, your committee are of the opinion that an increase of the soldier's pension to \$24 per month is justified.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.